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## News Release

## ICE AGENTS SHUT DOWN INTERNET PHARMACY SELLING ILLICIT DRUGS

Illegal business involved 30 states and two foreign countries

PINEVILLE, La. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents last week shut down an Internet online order-placement service company that purchased pharmaceuticals and illicit drugs from foreign pharmacies.

Clyde L. Moore II owns an Internet website that receives processing fees for facilitating customer purchases of pharmaceutical drugs, including controlled substances, from pharmacies outside the United States. Moore also owns and operates an Internet pharmaceutical sales website in which prescriptions are filled by the pharmacy he owns in Pineville, La., called Advanced Healthcare Pharmacy or ADVACOR. Moore also entered into contracts with doctors who prescribed drugs without face-to-face interaction, which violates U.S. laws.

ICE special agents executed a federal search warrant Dec. 7 at ADVACOR, located at 6027 Monroe Highway, Pineville, La. Assisting the ICE-led search were: diversion agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, and agents from the Food and Drug Administration, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, and the Alexandria Police Department. The search warrant at Advanced Health Care Services Inc. resulted in discovering business documents that detailed the involvement of principles in the illegal enterprise. An ICE computer forensic agent also identified and seized 10 computers Moore used to conduct business.

"Smuggling pharmaceuticals poses a significant threat to public health," said ICE New Orleans Special Agent-In-Charge Michael A. Holt. "The quality and content of drugs sold over the Internet is questionable at best. All Americans must take extra special precautions to buy their prescription drugs from reputable online pharmacies. ICE is committed to putting these dangerous and illegal enterprises out of businesses."

During the search, Moore surrendered his DEA registration certificate to Drug Enforcement diversion agents assisting in the search. Without DEA registration, Advanced Health Care Services

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Inc. cannot legally operate in Louisiana. Documents seized during the search revealed that the company is also licensed to operate in about 30 states. Moore's other state licenses were issued based on his Louisiana license and DEA registration.

Agents also identified seven doctors used by the organization. Several doctors are also currently soliciting the organization to write prescriptions on behalf of the company. These physicians are located in several states across the country and in Puerto Rico. The search also resulted in identifying firms that conducted paramedical examinations for the organization. Fees ranged from \$50 to \$145 per consultation or exam.

Moore also consented to a search of his residence in St. Pete Beach, Fla. ICE special agents coordinated this search with the ICE office in Tampa, Fla. ICE special agents seized two computer hard drives and one laptop computer from the residence. In addition, they seized three boxes of business documents. These documents detailed Moore's involvement in Internet transactions involving Mexico and Canada. A second warrant was executed at the residence of the principles Clyde L. Moore I, vice president, and Lorraine Moore, secretary/treasurer.

## # ICE #

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.